In the Court of Appeals of the State of Alaska

Christian Lynn Beier,

Appellant,

V.

State of Alaska,

Appellee.

Trial Court Case No. 3AN-15-09578CR

Court of Appeals No. A-13316

Order

Motion for Court Review of Sealed Documents

Date of Order: 4/24/2020

Appellant Christian Lynn Beier has asked this Court to review sealed documents to determine whether they should be released to the parties. The documents were provided by the State and sealed by the trial court at the State's request. The documents were never released to the defense, and the Appellant does not know whether they are relevant to any issue on appeal.

The Appellant acknowledges that the documents may relate to an immunity issue with regard to one of the victims. If that is the case, the Appellant does not request the release of the documents because the issue was litigated and became part of the record below. If the documents pertain to some other issue, however, the Appellant asks this Court to unseal and release them to the parties to address whether they were properly sealed and not provided to the defense.

The State has responded that it does not oppose this Court reviewing the sealed documents, but it does oppose unsealing the documents.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Appellant's motion is **GRANTED IN PART**. This Court will review the sealed documents to determine whether they relate to the immunity issue referenced by the Appellant in his motion.

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2. If the documents pertain to the immunity issue, they will remain sealed. If the documents pertain to another issue, this Court will give the parties notice and an opportunity to respond before taking further action.

Entered at the direction of Chief Judge Allard.

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